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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, MARCH 1989

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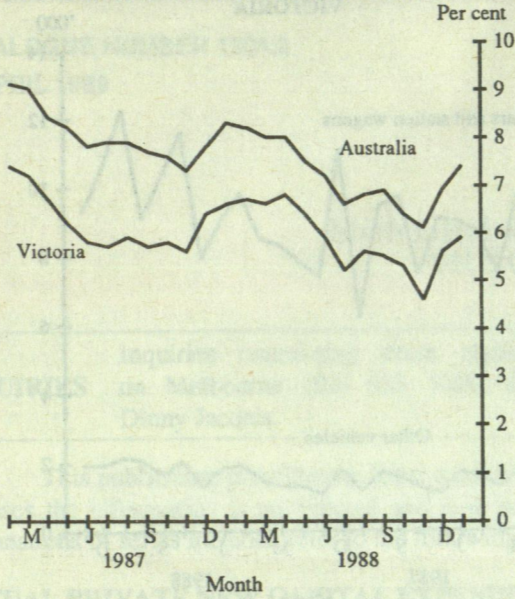
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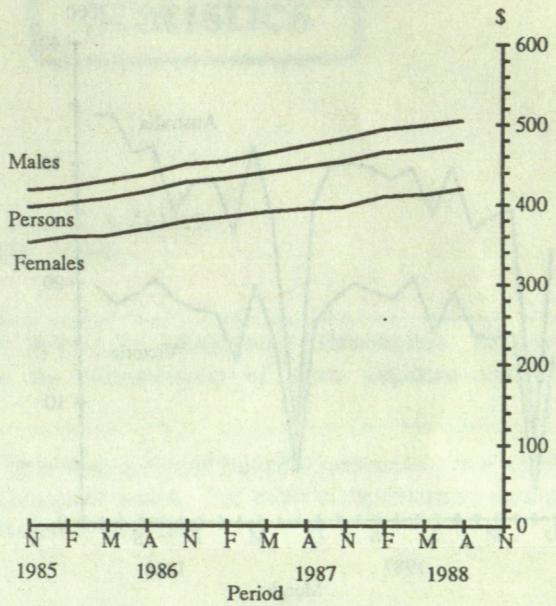
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent	
				One period	Two periods	Three periods					
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons	- full-time	'000	Jan 89	1,591.6	1,627.7	1,591.4	1,596.1	1,565.6	1.7	6,001.2	3.0
	- total	'000	Jan 89	1,957.4	2,034.3	1,991.4	1,967.4	1,913.3	2.3	7,406.6	3.7
Unemployed persons looking for work	- full-time	'000	Jan 89	90.8	86.3	73.2	81.4	108.3	-16.2	477.5	-11.9
	- total	'000	Jan 89	122.8	121.0	97.1	109.9	134.5	-8.7	592.0	-8.2
Labour force		'000	Jan 89	2,080.3	2,155.3	2,088.5	2,077.3	2,047.8	1.6	7,998.6	2.7
Participation rate	per cent		Jan 89	62.0	64.3	62.4	62.1	61.9	0.2	62.1	0.5
Unemployment rate	per cent		Jan 89	5.9	5.6	4.6	5.3	6.6	-10.6	7.4	-10.8
Job vacancies	'000		Nov 88	19.5	18.1	18.6	16.3	11.3	72.6	66.7	27.8
Overtime worked per employee	hours		Nov 88	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.50	1.69	-7.7	1.48	1.4
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$		Aug 88	475.90	469.30	465.50	454.10	447.10	6.4	470.90	6.0
Males	\$		Aug 88	504.40	498.30	493.90	482.80	472.80	6.7	497.80	5.8
Females	\$		Aug 88	420.10	412.20	409.30	396.60	394.50	6.5	415.00	6.7
All employees total earnings	\$		Aug 88	417.00	414.90	414.40	408.50	395.40	5.5	415.70	5.9
Males	\$		Aug 88	486.30	483.50	476.30	473.10	454.50	7.0	486.20	6.4
Females	\$		Aug 88	324.60	322.70	326.70	318.10	311.70	4.1	319.60	5.7
CONSUMER PRICES (a)											
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -											
Food	index		Dec qr 88	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	164.9	10.6	177.9	9.7
Clothing	index		Dec qr 88	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	163.6	8.5	176.0	7.4
Housing	index		Dec qr 88	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	183.9	11.2	199.7	14.5
Household equipment & operation	index		Dec qr 88	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	173.1	4.6	181.8	6.1
Transportation	index		Dec qr 88	181.3	181.1	180.8	180.2	181.4	0.0	191.7	2.7
Tobacco & alcohol	index		Dec qr 88	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	190.1	6.2	206.0	5.2
Health & personal care	index		Dec qr 88	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	177.7	8.4	181.5	7.8
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index		Dec qr 88	163.7	161.1	160.4	158.6	152.7	7.2	161.9	8.3
All groups	index		Dec qr 88	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	174.5	6.7	186.2	7.7
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)											
	\$m		Dec 88	2,315.2	1,732.4	1,636.2	1,603.2	2,217.4	4.4	8,767.7	8.3
PRODUCTION											
Manufacturing -											
Clay bricks	million		Nov 88	42.3	36.8	37.3	42.8	34.7	21.9	194	29.3
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m		Nov 88	345	379	370	366	295	16.9	1,565	17.1
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes		Nov 88	42,166	44,791	41,557	44,286	36,780	14.6	61,400	5.5
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m		Nov 88	3,540	3,316	3,465	3,334	3,129	13.1	4,208	12.9
Cars & station wagons	'000		Nov 88	19.7	18.1	19.0	20.3	18.4	7.1	34.1	14.4
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes		Nov 88	830	794	952	884	780	6.4	1,888	11.6
- Wool	tonnes		Nov 88	1,556	1,500	1,521	1,480	1,492	4.3	2,080	0.0
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m		Nov 88	1,371	1,592	1,979	1,953	1,554	-11.8	3,032	-10.5
- Woollen (incl. worsted wool)	'000 sq.m		Nov 88	584	561	515	594	587	-0.5	995	3.0
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m		Nov 88	7,585	7,543	7,450	7,596	7,199	5.4	18,359	28.3
Electricity	million kWh		Nov 88	2,999	3,098	2,727	2,893	2,771	8.2	11,634	7.1
OVERSEAS TRADE											
Imports	\$m		Dec 88	1,172.3	1,430.1	1,365.2	1,185.4	1,218.1	-3.8	3,271.9	-8.9
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m		Dec 88	747.0	702.1	677.7	677.8	902.6	-17.2	3,524.4	-3.9
BUILDING											
Approvals -											
New houses	No.		Jan 89	2,580	2,889	3,273	2,988	1,813	42.3	9,521	20.9
New other residential building	No.		Jan 89	184	387	324	295	443	-58.5	3,021	27.6
Value of all building	\$m		Jan 89	502.2	730.5	687.6	547.9	401.4	25.1	2,290.4	56.7
Commencements -											
New houses	No.		Sep qr 88	8,350	7,330	6,720	7,230	6,100	36.9	34,160	45.1
Value of new houses	\$m		Sep qr 88	655.1	557.0	520.2	523.1	436.5	50.1	2,442.5	62.3
New other residential buildings	No.		Sep qr 88	1,294	1,034	1,298	1,061	1,070	20.9	10,952	47.8
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m		Sep qr 88	70.5	54.4	73.1	54.6	57.3	23.0	709.9	75.0
Value of non-residential building	\$m		Sep qr 88	697.4	1,053.8	593.8	726.7	713.3	-2.2	3,318.8	27.1
Value of all building	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,537.3	1,773.4	1,291.9	1,409.4	1,309.8	17.4	6,887.7	42.2
Work done in period	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,600.7	1,464.7	1,321.8	1,408.8	1,390.6	15.1	6,367.2	24.7
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)											
House building (1985-86=100)	index		Dec 88	124.9	124.6	123.4	122.6	113.9	9.7	125.5	11.2
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index		Dec 88	210.9	210.2	208.1	206.2	192.2	9.7	214.3	9.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Cars & station wagons	No.		Jan 89	11,240	12,500	14,441	11,169	8,456	32.9	38,354	29.2
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.		Jan 89	9,330	10,566	12,271	9,102	7,391	-16.0	30,079	20.9
Motor cycles	No.		Jan 89	1,910	1,934	2,170	2,067	1,065	8.0	8,275	72.4
	No.		Jan 89	470	512	577	135	267	4.9	1,671	24.2
BANKS											
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m		Dec 88	23,401	22,526	21,977	22,587	20,731	12.9	67,628	17.7
Major trading -											
Current deposits	\$m		Dec 88	6,883	6,390	6,187	5,730	5,708	20.6	22,129	15.4
Fixed deposits	\$m		Dec 88	8,921	9,112	8,743	7,880	7,689	16.0	33,528	16.8
Advances	\$m		Dec 88	17,401	17,108	17,034	16,301	15,110	15.2	54,365	11.8
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m		Dec 88	39,993	35,272	35,565	34,579	35,189	13.7	191,609	39.5
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION											
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m		Dec 88	585.2	644.2	528.9	497.2	499.6	17.1	1,902.6	10.0
Savings banks	\$m		Dec 88	449.1	483.3	396.2	375.0	380.7	18.0	1,320.3	10.5
Trading banks	\$m		Dec 88	44.4	52.4	37.0	36.8	44.4	0.0	225.9	13.9
Permanent building societies	\$m		Dec 88	61.2	75.2	67.6	63.0	55.9	9.5	252.3	-3.6
Other lenders	\$m		Dec 88	30.6	33.2	28.1	22.4	18.7	63.6	104.2	38.6
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)											
Manufacturing	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,551	1,786	1,426	1,716	1,437	7.9	6,006	10.0
Finance	\$m		Sep qr 88	545	790	592	626	591	-7.8	1,630	-4.2
New building and structures	\$m		Sep qr 88	532	486	425	541	414	25.8	1,733	34.5
Other new capital equipment	\$m		Sep qr 88	547	553	402	537	440	24.3	2,311	17.8
	\$m		Sep qr 88	1,004	1,233	1,024	1,179	997	0.7	3,695	5.7

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

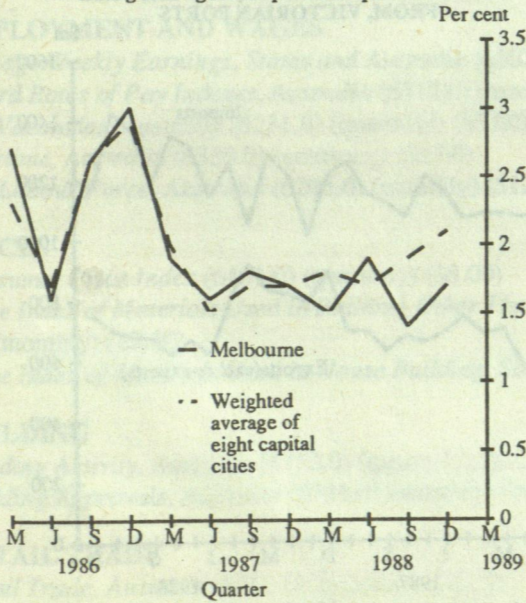
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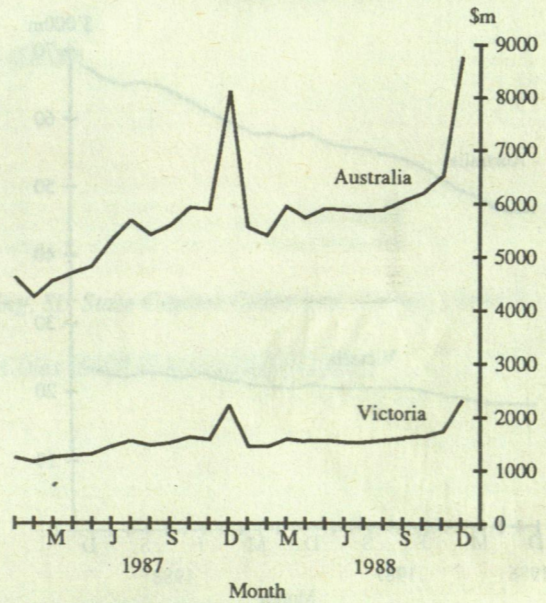
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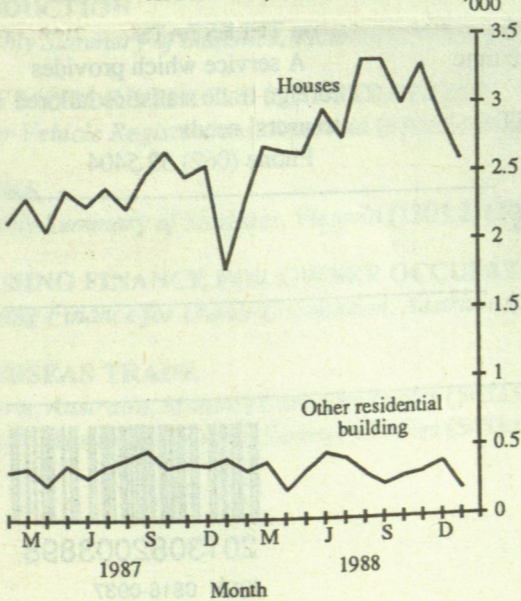
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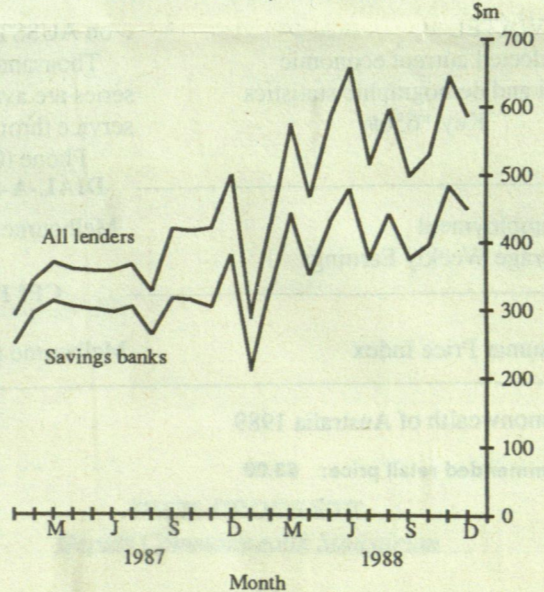
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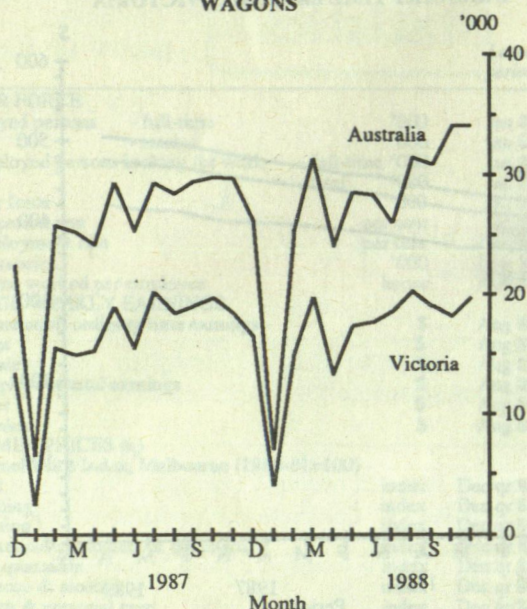
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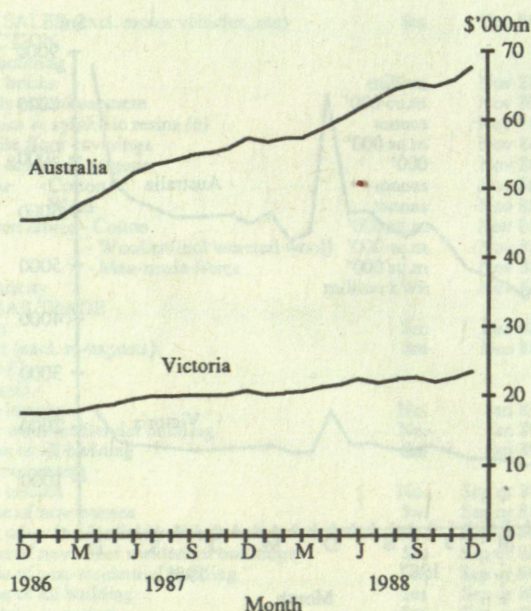
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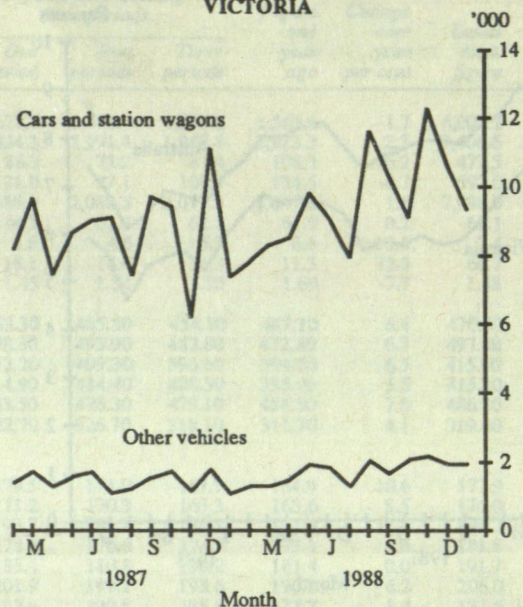
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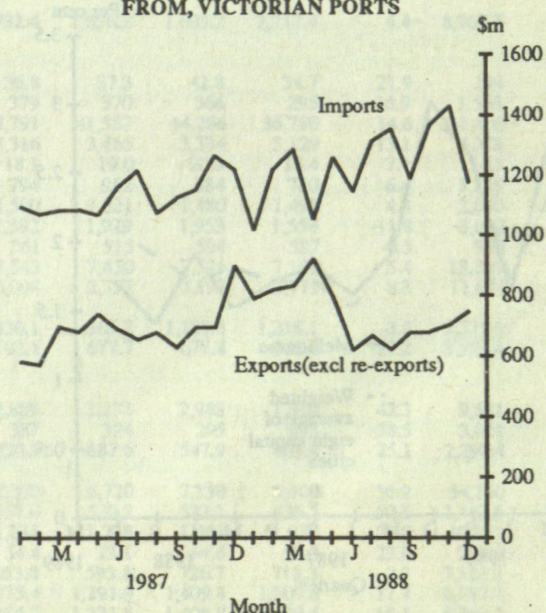
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